

REMARKS

Applicant would first like to thank Examiner Whipple for the Interview of April 29, 2008.

Claims 1-10 and 12-14 are currently pending in the application. All claims have been finally rejected and an Appeal Brief has been filed. In view of the Appeal Brief, the Examiner contacted Applicants' representative and indicated that claims 3 and 5 were allowable if amended into independent form including all of the limitations of the claims from which they depend. Applicants have amended claims 3 and 5 and canceled claims 1-2, 4, 6-10, and 12-14 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are for the sole purpose of facilitating expeditious prosecution of the subject matter acknowledged by the Examiner to be allowable. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and arguments presented herein, Applicant respectfully contends that claims 3 and 5 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments, allowance of claims 3 and 5, and issuance of letters patent.

Sincerely,

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